



Year 1 Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: 3rd September 2018

Dear Parents

All of the Year 1 staff have been very impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classrooms and routines this week. We have let the children have plenty of free time to get accustomed to their new friends and teachers. The children have also completed the following activities:

- A written recount and drawing of their summer holidays.
- Some simple maths activities relating to themselves.
- A self-portrait, which are soon to be on display in the Year 1 corridors.
- Practising logging on and off the computers in the computer room, followed by free time on Busy Things.
- Letter formation practice.
- Circle time which has included 'getting to know you' games and classroom rules.
- Our first Year 1 Music lessons with Miss Skinner.

Our children have been to two assemblies this week in the Pre Prep hall. On Wednesday, Mrs Harries welcomed everybody and talked all about preparations we make in getting ready to school, such as buying new shoes! This led on to talk about how proud we can feel in our new shoes, but that they can also feel slightly uncomfortable at first, much like first day butterflies, which soon settle. Today, we enjoyed a celebration assembly, congratulating children on their first successful days in school, talking about safety in the playground and singing our special birthday song to our pupils who have birthdays this week.

Over the weekend, your child may like to:

- Enjoy a well earned rest ahead of their first full week next week!
- Read their home reading book (please make a brief comment as to how your child did with this)
- Practise reading set one and two of the tricky words, which have been sent home in book bags. You may like to make this activity more interesting by cutting the words up and spreading them around the house to go on a word hunt or writing an identical list out and playing a game of snap!
- Record any weekend news in their home school book. This may be through photographs, drawings, written sentences or a combination of these.

Please note that all homework is completely optional. We will be suggesting further ways in which you can support your child's home learning at our information evening next Wednesday.

'Stop and Collect'

Please would parents using our Stop and Collect system, be kind enough clearly to display the laminated card showing their child's name, sent home in book bags. This will help us to ensure our system runs smoothly. Please could you also ensure that your children have been booked on to Stop and Collect in order that we have your children

ready for you. Instructions for our online booking system were sent to all parents earlier this week. Thank you for your support.

Please take note of the first two events in the 'Dates for your diary' section below.

Information Evening for Parents

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents to our presentation next Wednesday evening, in which you will have the opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy a drink before hearing all about the Year 1 curriculum from the Year 1 team. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and we hope that you will find the information provided useful.

Photographs

On Thursday, please ensure your child is looking as smart and tidy as possible with full school uniform and hair accessories in preparation for their school photographs.

Music Department Notices

Meet the Instruments (Year 1 to 8 pupils and parents): Thinking of learning a musical instrument? You are warmly invited to come and try out the musical instruments on offer to learn at Town Close School. When? Friday 14th September 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Where? Music Room (near to the Read Hall)

Many musical instruments are on offer to learn. For more information please contact the Head of Music, Mrs Koczur, at skoczur@townclose.com

Library books

Mrs Wootton, our librarian would like parents to be reminded that library books are borrowed for one week and then returned to the library. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th September – 6.00pm: 'Introduction to Year 1' meeting in the Pre Prep Hall

Thursday 13th September: Bentley Photographic individual and class photographs

Thursday 11th October – 4.30pm - 7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – information on how to book appointments, to follow

Monday 15th – Friday 19th October: Pre Prep Science Week

Tuesday 16th October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm: Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

Thursday 18th October – 9.30 - 3.00 pm: Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo

Friday 19th October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall – more information to follow

Monday 12th November – Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

Friday 7th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Year 1 Winter Production in the Read Hall

Thursday 13th December – 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Brown, Mr Fisher, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries